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For: MICRO-ARRAY SUBSTRATE FOR BIOPOLYMER, HYBRIDIZATION DEVICE,
AND HYBRIDIZATION METHOD

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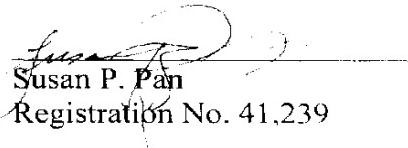
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